

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

Gregory Kewon Watson,)	
)	Crim. No. 4:04-cr-00965-RBH-1
Petitioner,)	C/A No. 4:16-cv-01324-RBH
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vs.)	O R D E R
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United States of America,)	
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Respondent.)	
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This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's [ECF #81] motion to vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Petitioner, Gregory Kewon Watson, who is represented by Assistant Federal Public Defender, William Nettles, was originally sentenced to 200 months imprisonment, which included a mandatory minimum term of 180 months pursuant to the Armed Career Criminal Act, 18 U.S.C. § 924(e) ("ACCA"). Petitioner now seeks resentencing alleging he no longer has three predicate convictions as required by the Armed Career Criminal Act.

On April 29, 2016, the government filed a response conceding that Petitioner should be resentenced in light of *Johnson v. United States*, ___ U.S. ___, 135 S.Ct. 2551 (2015). On April 18, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court held that *Johnson*, which held that the definition of prior "violent felony" in the residual clause of the ACCA was unconstitutionally vague under due process principles, announced a substantive rule that applied retroactively on collateral review. *Welch v. United States*, ___ S.Ct. ___, 2016 WL 1551144 (2016).

Having thoroughly reviewed the record in this case, and in light of Respondent's position supporting Petitioner's motion to vacate, **IT IS ORDERED** that

1. Petitioner's [ECF# 81] motion to vacate his sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is

GRANTED.

2. All remaining provisions of Petitioner's criminal judgment shall remain unchanged pending further orders of this Court.
3. Petitioner shall remain in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons pending his resentencing hearing.
4. The U.S. Probation Office shall prepare a Supplemental Presentence Report in advance of Petitioner's resentencing hearing and file the same in the criminal case.
5. The Clerk of Court shall appoint counsel for the Petitioner for the purpose of the resentencing hearing.
6. The Clerk of Court shall coordinate the date of the resentencing with Chambers.
7. The Clerk's Office shall notify the Petitioner, U.S. Attorney, Defense counsel, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Probation Office of the date of the resentencing hearing.
8. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to certify copies of this Order to the Petitioner, Defense counsel, U.S. Attorney, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Probation Office.

In light of this Order granting Petitioner's motion to vacate under § 2255, Petitioner's prior motion [ECF No. 74] to reduce sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is **MOOT**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 10, 2016
Florence, South Carolina

s/ R. Bryan Harwell
R. Bryan Harwell
United States District Judge